

# APPRENTICESHIP

## Grant Funds Apprenticeships in Child Development

West Hills Community College District, which serves the San Joaquin Valley, received a \$500,000 grant to create a new apprenticeship program in child development education (CDE). Apprentices can get an Associate of Arts degree while earning a living wage in this field.

The program also benefits rural communities in the San Joaquin Valley who need preschool teachers and child development educators. There were 214 vacant positions available in the CDE field when West Hills submitted its grant request.

“CDE apprenticeship training can expand and enhance important rural area childhood education essential for low-income migrant families and underprivileged children who need early education intervention most,” said Corinna Pereira, West Hills Community College District Workplace Learning Liaison coordinator.

The California Apprenticeship Initiative awarded the grant, which is administered by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office.

Read the full press release on the grant online at [West Hills College](#)

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